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EL SALVADOR: TERRORIST ACTS, GUERRILLA ACTIVITY REPORTED

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((BY AFP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT JUAN NICOLAS GAUDENZI))

((TEXT)) SAN SALVADOR, 26 MAY (AFP)--A SALVADORAN MILITARY SOURCE SAID TODAY THAT THE GUERRILLAS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM LA PAZ AND SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENTS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY AND MOVED TOWARD THE BANKS OF THE LEMPA RIVER. "HOWEVER, WE CANNOT DISCARD THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW ATTACK BY SUBVERSIVE GROUPS."

MEANWHILE, EL MUNDO SAID THAT VIOLENCE "HAS DECREASED AND THERE IS A CLIMATE OF PEACE IN URBAN AREAS." HOWEVER, THIS SAME NEWSPAPER REPORTED THE MURDER OF EIGHT PERSONS, SEVEN IN THE SAN SALVADOR AREA AND THE OTHER IN SAN MIGUEL--THE THIRD LARGEST SALVADORAN CITY.

TWO STUDENTS, A MAN AND A WOMAN OF 27 AND 19 YEARS RESPECTIVELY, WERE SHOT AND MACHETED TO DEATH. THE BODIES OF TWO WOMEN SHOWING MULTIPLE BULLET WOUNDS AND TWO DECAPITATED MEN WERE FOUND IN ANTIGUO CUSCATLAN.

A WATCHMAN WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN CIUDAD DELGADO, AND A SAN MIGUEL RESIDENT WAS SHOT DEAD IN FRONT OF H/S HOME.

EL MUNDO SAID THAT THESE WERE "SERIOUS BUT ISOLATED INCIDENTS" AND EMPHASIZED THE EXISTENCE OF "POSITIVE SIGNS TOWARD THE RETURN OF A CLIMATE OF PEACE."

THIS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HAS, IN FACT, NOTED THAT ARMED CLASHES BETWEEN PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES AND REBELS HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY NIL IN RECENT DAYS, AND THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF BUSES, GASOLINE STATIONS AND ATTACKS ON OTHER CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS HAVE PRACTICALLY CEASED.

HOWEVER, THE APPARENT PEACE IS OCCASIONALLY INTERRUPTED BY THE EXPLOSION OF BOMBS AND THE DISCOVERY OF DEAD MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES WHOSE BODIES ARE RIDDLED WITH BULLETS AND IN MANY CASES MUTILATED.

IN THE PROVINCES, HOWEVER, THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) HARASSMENT AGAINST THE ARMY, SECURITY CORPS AND PROGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS OF ARMED CIVILIANS HAS NOT CEASED.

ALTHOUGH DEFENSE MINISTER COL JOSE GARCIA INFORMED OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT THAT "THE ARMED FORCES HAVE THE INITIATIVE," IN SOME REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY THE GUERRILLAS DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE LOST THEIR ATTACKING CAPACITY AND IN OTHERS THEY SEEM TO BE UNDERGOING A PHASE OF REORGANIZATION AND REGROUPING OF FORCES.

IN THE PARACENTRAL FRONT, A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE COMMAND POST AT SAN JUAN NONUALCO LOCATED SOME 50 KM EAST OF SAN SALVADOR, WHILE ANOTHER GROUP AMBUSHED AN ARMY ARMORED VEHICLE AND KILLED A SOLDIER.

ON SUNDAY, SNIPERS FIRED AT THE MAIN ZACATECOLUCA MILITARY GARRISON BUT WERE RAPIDLY DISPERSED.

REPORTS FROM CHALATENANGO IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY SAID LAST NIGHT THAT SOME 2,000 GUERRILLAS OCCUPIED THE SUMMIT OF RAMON HILL, 3 AND 1/2 KM FROM THE 5 NOVEMBER HYDROELECTRIC DAM, AND ARE BUILDING STRONGHOLDS THERE.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE FMLN COLUMN ARRIVED FROM LA VIRTUD REGION IN HONDURAS AND ENTERED EL SALVADOR THROUGH THE GAPS ALONG THE BORDER. 261627 TA/GONZALEZ/CEB 27/0234Z MAY

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